

Harpers Ferry

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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



2013 Schedule of Events

Exhibit: *Forever Free: The Emancipation Proclamation: A New Birth of Freedom*

Date: February 3 - December 31 **Time:** 8am to 5pm
Location: Second floor of John Brown Museum

Description: This year long exhibit will highlight the refocused war effort and the Union commitment to ending slavery.

Event: *"Necessity: The Mother of Invention"*

Date: March 23, 24 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Lower Town

Description: Meet Harpers Ferry's industrial workers and citizens at special exhibits featuring the technological advances in 19th century clothing innovations, health, food preservation, and arms production.

Event: *"Bateaux on the Rivers: Highways of Trade 1812"*

Date: May 11 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Shenandoah River and Hamilton Street

Description: Step back to Harpers Ferry's early settlement when John Wager & Co Boating shipped flour and produce to Georgetown, Washington, and Alexandria Virginia. Experience the Town's early industry, trade, and transportation with the Park's Living History Staff and Volunteers & the Virginia Canals and Navigation Society. Special exhibits and demonstrations will include a Beateaux & Boatman's camp at the Shenandoah River, The Guns of Harpers Ferry US Armory at the Park Green, see Basil Williamson Tavern in park's oldest structure, the 1782 Harper House, and enjoy early republic era Musicians.

Event: *"Living Antiques! Heirloom Garden Vegetables"*

Date: May 18 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Lower Town Paymaster Garden; Seed and Seedlings sales on Park Green through Association Bookshop

Description: Featuring 19th century horticulturalist expert Carol Anderson on site in the park's Historic Paymaster Garden to coach and assist in how to organically care for heirloom plants. Through the bookshop, purchase 19th century varieties of heirloom tomatoes, peppers, cabbage seedlings, and numerous heirloom seeds for May plantings. (Tender seedling plants cannot be shipped)

Event: *Defend and Protect. Arming America's Soldiers*

Date: May 25, 26 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Lower Town

Description: Special exhibits and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how these weapons were used by soldiers for national defense and exploration. See this armory town come to life as living history volunteers

present the story of Harpers Ferry and the Industrial Revolution through historic weapons firing demonstration and other special activities.

Event: *The Birth of a State: 150th Anniversary of the State of West Virginia*

Date: June 22 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Lower Town

Description: This one day event will commemorate the birth of West Virginia in June of 1863. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs and family/youth activities.

Event: *First Alert: Harpers Ferry, the Gettysburg Campaign*

Date: June 23 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Lower Town

Description: This event will highlight Harpers Ferry's role in the Gettysburg Campaign. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs, and family/youth activities.

Event: *12th Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert*

Date: June 29 **Time:** 6pm
Location: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center Ballroom
233 Lowe Drive, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Description: This year's Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert will be held in Shepherdstown. Featured guests are jazz legends Buster Cooper and Eddie Gomez, with the Howard Burns Quartet. This event is sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Historical Association and the Jefferson County NAACP in co-operation with the Don Redman Heritage Society of Piedmont, WV.

Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: June 29, 30 **Time:** Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm
Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *A Fine State of Things: West Virginia Enters the Union*

Date: July 6, 7 **Time:** 11am to 4pm
Location: Lower Town

Description: Visitors are invited to step into the role of voting Virginians in 1863 to experience a vote for the new State of West Virginia born out of the Rebellion. United States Troops guard the polls; issue the oath of allegiance, while Virginia State commissions run the polls. What will they ask you? Are you prepared to answer?!

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Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: July 13, 14 Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan's Soldiers, 1864*

Date: July 20, 21 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: This program presents Harpers Ferry as the staging area for Union General Philip Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign during the summer of 1864. Members of the reactivated living history group 13th New Jersey will demonstrate union army garrison duties such as guard mount parade, searching and arresting spies and deserters, and traitors, processing prisoners of war, searching citizens, and maintaining military security in an occupied enemy town. Costumed volunteers and staff will interpret civilian life under harsh military rule.

Event: *"Medical Weekend: Giving Aid and Comfort"*

Date: July 27, 28 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Living history volunteers of the 3rd US and 142nd Pennsylvania Infantry will portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the thousands of soldiers fighting during the American Civil War. The outpouring of funds and care was so vast that the relief effort was described as "an artery of the people's love to the people's army." This program will offer a military diet kitchen demonstration tell the story of both the national and local, civilian and military efforts to sustain the Union Army. In the autumn of 1864, General Philip Sheridan prepared his army for the Shenandoah Valley Campaign. Harpers Ferry became a launching point and depot, supplying food, equipment, ammunition and medical attention for the army in the field. Field Hospitals, a Commissary, Diet Kitchens, a Soldiers Rest, the US Quartermaster, and Sanitary Commission were included in the vast sustenance needed for that army. Visitors are welcome to join ranger guided walking tours and military drill and firing demonstrations.

Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: August 3, 4 Demonstrations at 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *"Bringing In the Harvest"*

Date: August 17, 18 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town at Roeder's Confectionery Kitchen

Description: Join 19th Century Historic Foodways Expert Carol Anderson for this in depth look at how summer time harvest foods were preserved for winter consumption. Demonstrations include, pickling, drying, potting, and canning.

Event: *"Reacting to the Raid: The US Marines"*

Date: October 12, 13 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Features a living history demonstration how 1859 Abolitionist Brown was captured by US troops

Event: *Drink Your Apples: Roeder's Tavern Cider Making, 1860*

Date: October 19, 20 **Time:** 11am to 4pm

Location: Lower Town, Roeder's Confectionary and Roeder's White Hall Tavern

Description: Join living history rangers and Foodways expert Carol Anderson for Cider-making demonstrations and fall food preservation.

Event: *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

Date: October 26, 27 Demonstrations at 12pm, 1pm, & 2pm

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join the members of the Baltimore Light Artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

Event: *Capt. Flagg's US Quartermaster City: Prospects of Peace Lower Town*

Date: December 7, 8 **Time:** 11am to 5pm

Location: Lower Town

Description: Join over 175 living history volunteers as they help present park visitors with a unique window into the magnitude and scope of Captain Flagg's 1864 US Quartermaster city. Everything that General Philip Sheridan's Army would need to fight in the Shenandoah Valley, was stored and moved out of the town's former US Armory site. It is through this 1864 Yuletide event that the park continues to reflect on what the Civil War will determine; the Union of the States, and eventual freedom of 4 million enslaved people.

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